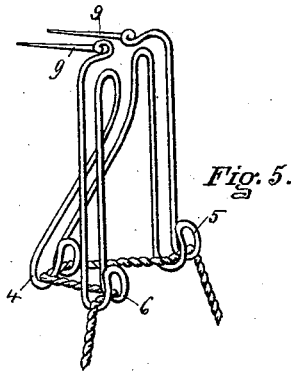
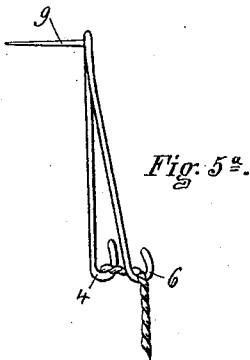
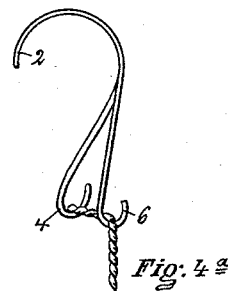
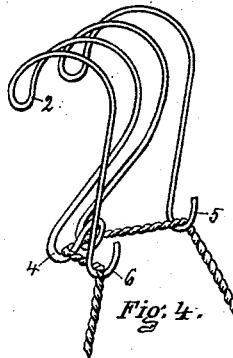
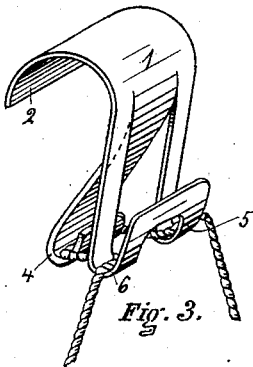
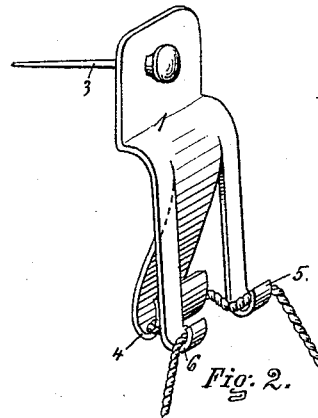
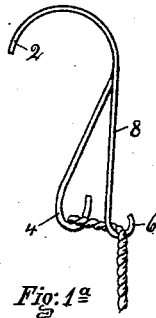
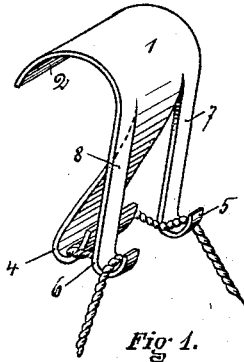


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH F. COUPE, of the city of Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Picture-Hangers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in a class of devices commonly called "picture-hangers;" and it consists of special features of construction designed to secure the cord or wire by which the picture is suspended from the hanger, so that it will not slide or work through the hanger and thus drop the picture when one of the suspending cords breaks, or allow the cord to work through the hanger, and thus cause the picture to become displaced or out of position, which displacement is often caused by a jar or continual jarring, as of cars or traffic, or under similar circumstances.

In the drawings, which accompany and form a part of this specification, and in which similar figures of reference refer to corresponding parts in the several figures, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of one form of my hanger, this particular form being intended to engage upon or be supported from a molding. Fig. 1<sup>a</sup> shows an edge view of the same device shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 2 shows a device having my cord-securing device, but being designed to be suspended from a nail or pin. Fig. 3 shows a modified form of construction of the same device shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows the device constructed in wire. Fig. 4<sup>a</sup> is an edge view of Fig. 4. Fig. 5 shows a perspective view of the device constructed of wire and provided with brads or nails for securing it in position, and Fig. 5<sup>a</sup> is an edge view of the device shown in Fig. 5.

Referring more specifically to the reference-numerals marked on the drawings, 1 indicates a body or plate, which, in the case shown in Fig. 1, is provided with a molding-hook 2, adapted to engage or grasp a molding,

and in the case of Fig. 2 the body 1 is provided with an eye or opening adapted to receive pin or nail 3. Formed integral with the body, I provide suspending-hook 4 and securing-hooks 5 and 6, mounted upon spring-arms 7 and 8, respectively, upon either side of the shank of hook 4. It will be observed that the arms 7 and 8 are made from a metal-sheet blank and that the two combined are equal to or of less width than the shank of the central hook 4, so that when the picture-cord is applied to the hooks, as shown, and weight applied to the cord, the arms 7 and 8, one or both, will spring instead of the shank of hook 4, and that hook 4 is of a width on its face to substantially fill the space between hooks 5 and 6.

The construction shown in Fig. 3 varies from that shown in Fig. 1, in that a portion of the blank is left connecting the hooks 6 and 5.

The wire hanger shown in Fig. 4 is constructed on the same principle as that shown in Fig. 1, having hooks 4, 5, and 6, the hooks 5 and 6 being carried on spring-arms in front of a lateral line through hook 4, so that the picture-cord passing through the hooks passes backward to engage in hook 4, and when weight is applied on the cord the tendency is to swing the hooks 5 and 6 backward into line with hook 4, and it is this peculiar arrangement that secures the cord.

The construction shown in Figs. 5 and 5<sup>a</sup> is similar in principle to those shown in the previous figures, but they are provided with nails or brads 99, formed integral therewith, and adapted to be driven into the wall or other suitable support to suspend the picture-hanger.

It is evident that alterations and changes in and from the constructions shown and described may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A picture-hanger having a body, a suspending-hook, and securing-hooks mounted on spring-arms in advance of the suspending-hooks and in the same horizontal plane with the suspending-hook, substantially as set forth.

2. A picture-hanger having a body, a suspending-hook, and securing-hooks mounted on spring-arms on either side and in advance of the suspending-hook, which is of a width  
5 on its face substantially equal to the distance between the securing-hooks, substantially as set forth.

3. The picture-hanger having a body, a suspending-hook 4, and securing-hooks 5 and 6,

mounted on spring-arms at either side and 10 in advance of the suspending-hook, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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